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In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: TBA
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH NATIONAL PHASE FILING OF PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/SE98/00145, PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. §371

Sir/Madam:

Before calculating the filing fee and examining the PCT application that is submitted for filing along with this *Preliminary* Amendment, please amend the application as directed below. The revisions to the PCT application sought by this *Preliminary* Amendment are made merely to comport the claims with the drafting requirements imposed by the U.S. Patent Office. Accordingly, please enter the amendments set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-8, and add claims 9-22, as directed below.